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FORMER RIKERS ISLAND PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT INDICTED FOR SEXUAL ABUSE, RAPE AND RELATED CRIMES AGAINST INMATES
Defendant Offered Fast Food And Other Goods In Exchange For Sex Acts

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a former physician's assistant employed by Corizon Health to work in a Rikers Island jail has been indicted on 43 counts of Rape, Sexual Abuse and related crimes for sexual acts allegedly committed against four inmates spanning more than a year.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant allegedly used his position of trust to sexually abuse female inmates who came to him seeking medical attention. We will prosecute any staff member who commits crimes against inmates in our push to stem corruption and fear in our jails."

Department of Investigation Commissioner Mark G. Peters said, "This is the second arrest from DOI's intensive investigation into sexual assault at Department of Correction facilities. As charged, this defendant exploited his position as a medical professional, soliciting sexual favors from his inmate patients in exchange for providing contraband. Our investigations into sexual assault at DOC facilities are continuing."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Sidney Wilson, 60, of 6506 Avenue N, Brooklyn, was arraigned today before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Ralph Fabrizio. Bail was set at \$7,500 and he is due back on July 18, 2017. He was indicted on two counts of third-degree Rape, two counts of third-degree Criminal Sexual Act, 12 counts of second-degree Sexual Abuse, 12 counts of third-degree Sexual Abuse, 13 counts of Official Misconduct, Forcible Touching and second-degree Promoting Prison Contraband. He faces up to four years in prison for each top charge.

According to the investigation by DOI, between October 2013 and December 2014, Wilson exchanged items such as gum, socks and fast food for sexual acts from four female inmates housed at the Rose M. Singer Center. A person is incapable of consent to sexual acts

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if he or she is in the custody of a correctional facility. Wilson resigned from his job in 2015, unrelated to this case.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Jeffrey Pruzan of the Child Abuse/Sex Crimes Bureau and Special Assistant District Attorney Katherine Hwang of the Department of Investigation and the District Attorney's Public Integrity Bureau, under the supervision of Joseph Muroff, Chief of the Special Victims Division.

The investigation was conducted by DOI's Inspector General for DOC, under the supervision of Inspector General Jennifer Sculco, Associate Commissioner Paul Cronin, Deputy Commissioner/Chief of Investigations Michael Carroll and First Deputy Commissioner Lesley Brovner.

District Attorney Clark also thanked Analyst Christine Schaefer of the Bronx District Attorney's Crime Strategies and Case Enhancement Unit.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.